

Interagency Subcommittee on Environmental Education (ISEE)

September 20, 2012

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY

IN ATTENDANCE: Todd Davis, Jill Stoltz, Arnita Gadson, Terry Wilson, Elizabeth McNulty, Tresine Logsdon, Ed Councill, Diana Olszowy, Michelle Shane, Kim Richardson, Roberta Burnes, Zeb Weese, Seth Wheat, Sean Elkins, Jackie Jones, Mary Duncan, Dick Mink, Merin Roseman, Kate Shanks, Elizabeth Schmitz

Presentations:

Dick Mink, Finance Cabinet/Facilities: Commonwealth Energy Management and Control System (CEMCS)

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is working to develop an understanding of the energy
consumed by state facilities, with the goal of reducing our energy footprint and associated costs.
In March 2012, Kentucky earned the 2012 Energy Star Partner of the Year award from the US
Environmental Protection Agency – the first time an entire state government has done so, and
the CEMCS was center in the Energy Star application.
(View the PowerPoint here.)

Tresine Logsdon, Fayette County Public School District (FCPS): Living Labs of Sustainability

• FCPS has launched a district-wide initiative called Education leads to Understanding, Sustainability, Energy & the Environment (E=USE²). At the school level, a team of students, staff and teachers is formed. The team conducts an energy assessment, raises awareness of the school population about energy saving measures, implements a school improvement project, graphs data and compares it to baseline, submits their project for awards recognition, develops a School Energy and Sustainability Plan, and participates in a district wide competition that pays schools for conserving energy through the "Go Green to Earn Green" program. (View the PowerPoint here.)

Dr. Terry Wilson, *Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education / Western Kentucky University:* Developing Leaders in Environmental Education through Partnerships

 Our state universities are part of a unique group called the Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education (KUPEE). KUPEE partners have worked together to offer the first ever state-wide implementation of the Earth Force program, a service learning program for students that KUPEE members have offered as part of their college level training for teachers (<u>www.earthforce.org/kupee</u>). The program was offered through Learn and Serve America. Several KUPEE members also offer an endorsement in environmental education for teachers that are working on their Masters or Rank I certification, another first in the nation. (View the PowerPoint <u>here</u>.)

Ed Councill, Kids Grow Kentucky: House Concurrent Resolution 29 – a Path towards Implementation

House Concurrent Resolution 29 is all about children getting outside. How can we move the HCR from a statement of public policy, towards actual implementation? Please contact Ed Councill with your suggestions via Kids Grow Kentucky (www.kidsgrowkentucky.org).
 (View HCR-29 here: www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12rs/HC29/SCS1.doc)

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.